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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION

(37 C.F.R. 1.63)

As a below named inventor, I declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**CODON OPTIMIZED SYNTHETIC PLASMIDS**", the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto; or
☒ was filed on July 15, 2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/619,939 and was amended on _____, (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s) or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificates (s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Numbers (s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached	
				Yes	No

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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